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Application No.: 09/985,710)	
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For: IMAGE INPUT-OUTPUT)	
APPARATUS AND METHOD	:	
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the non-U.S. documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is given in the attached English abstracts.

Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 08-321910 corresponds to U.S. Patent 5,668,637.

Japanese Patent Application Laid-Opens Nos. 08-293955, 08-321910 and 09-037070 were cited in an Office Action issued on October 22, 2004 (that is, within the three months immediately preceding this Information Disclosure Statement), in counterpart priority Japanese Application No. 09-295930. A copy of that Japanese Office Action is also enclosed.

In that Office Action, it is indicated by the Japanese Examiner that the invention as recited in the pending claims does not have an inventive step as compared with Japanese Patent Application Laid-Opens Nos. 08-293955, 08-321910 and 09-037070. However, it is apparent that none of these documents show the feature of the present invention that the print function has the recited first mode and second mode. That is, Applicant believes that these documents are not in fact highly relevant to the present application.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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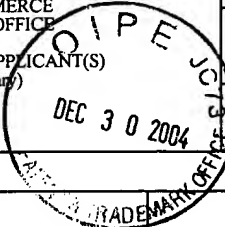
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		5,668,637	09/16/97	Yamaguchi	358	296	
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		08-293955A	11/05/96	Japan			Abstract
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